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### PHOTOS HELP CONVICT WATERFOWL HUNTERS IN NEVADA AND VIRGINIA

Photographs were used to obtain evidence that helped convict three hunters, two in Nevada and one in Virginia, who had violated Federal migratory waterfowl hunting regulations, according to a report recently received by the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of the Interior.

The Virginia hunter, charged with shooting a dove out of season, was arrested as the result of investigations conducted following the publication of a photograph in the Roanoke Times showing the hunter with quail and a dove he had taken on a farm near Lexington, Virginia. Survey agents reported the violation to State Game Warden W. E. Showalter, who investigated the case and made the arrest.

Warden Showalter presented his evidence before the trial justice at Rockbridge, Virginia, and the defendant was fined \$10 and costs of \$4.25.

In the Nevada cases, Frank Leonard, Washoe County deputy sheriff, saw two men hunting waterfowl from an outboard motor boat on Washoe Lake, in Washoe County. According to the sheriff, the violators drove their boat into flocks of wild ducks and then shot the birds as they attempted to fly away.

When the hunters gathered the dead birds and landed at a nearby dock, Sheriff Leonard also came ashore and photographed the illegally taken birds. The picture was identified at the jury trial held in Federal Court at Carson City, Nevada. The defendants were found guilty.

Judge Harold Louderback sentenced each violator to pay a fine of \$250, or serve 30 days in jail. He did not make the jail sentence mandatory, it was reported, because the defendants were not engaged in a commercial enterprise.